now use entirely indigenous packaging material without any payment of royalties;

(c) whether low density polyethylene or High density polyethylene or paper used for these machines is totally indigenous; and

(d) what is the value of royalty paid on all imports for packaging machines for three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) There are 14 units in the organised 6ector and a number of units in the small scale sector in the country which produce packaging machines for different products.

M/s. Hindustan Packaging Company which is producing laminated paper for aseptic packaging is using indigenous paper for manufacture of laminated paper. In order to meet the total demand for packaging material, the import of aseptic packaging material has been allowed under OGL for actual users. Low density polyethylene (LDPE) and high density polyethylene (HDPE) are also partially imported.

No royalties are payable on the import of packaging machines into the country.

Indravati Hydro-Electric Project

*352. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Indravati Hydroelectric Project is likely to be completed;

(b) when the construction work of the project was started and how much amount has been spent so far;

(c) what was the original cost of the project and how many times it hag been revised; and

(d) what is the total area in hectares which will oe irrigated and the quantity of power expected to be generated after the Completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI); (a) Units I and II of 150 MW each of Upper Indravati HE Project in Orissa are now programmed for commissioning during 1992-93 and Units No. Hi and IV during 1993-94.

(b) The Project Was sanctioned by the Planning Commission in May, 1978 at an estimated cost of Rs. 130.49 crores (power portion). Although, the deemed date of commencement of project is 29-9-1978, the project was posed to the World Bank for financial assistance in December, 1980 and agreement with the World Bank was signed during June, 1983. Contracts for major civil works were awarded during January, 1986. The expenditure on the project (chargeable to Power) upto March, 1988 was Rs. 146.69 crores. The expenditure during the current year (April—December 1988) was Rs. 22,77 crores approximately.

(c) The original sanctioned cost was revised in September 1982. There after, no further revision has been made.

(d) The culturable command area of the project is 121380 hec. The annual energy expected to be gene rated from this project after its com pletion would be 1962 Gwh.

Introduction of New Public **Call** Offices

*353. SHRl HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications is planning to introduce coin-type and card type new public call offices providing STD facilities in the metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed system;

'(c) whether the said system will be introduced in the cities in Punjab also; and